

# THE SHELTON CHRONICLE



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## THIS MONTH ON CAMPUS W E ' R E MOVING ON! MAY 1996

May 15-16

*Electronics and Adult Basic Education move to the new campus.*

May 16

**ALUMNI COUNCIL MEETS.**

*6 p.m. Skyland Campus*

May 16

*Drafting and the equipment for the new Wellness Center move to the new campus.*

May 20-24

*Diesel Mechanics and Truck Driving move to the new campus.*

May 20, 1996

### **SPRING FLING**

*Fifteenth Street Campus*

*11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

*Call Ronda Shirley for reservations.*

May 21-23

*Welding moves to the new campus.*

MAY 27

### **REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER SEMESTER**

*11 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

*Skyland Campus*

MAY 28

### **FACULTY DUTY DAY**

MAY 28 - JUNE 2

### **DROP/ADD AND L A T E REGISTRATION**

May 27-31

*Diesel Mechanics and Truck Driving move to the new campus.*

MAY 29

### **CLASSES BEGIN FOR THE SUMMER SEMESTER**

May 27-29

*Computerized Numerical Control and Machine Tool Technology move to the new campus.*

MAY 29

*Automotive moves to the new campus*

May 30

*Air conditioning moves to the new campus.*

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## **A PIECE OF HISTORY**

**SHELTON'S  
FIFTEENTH STREET  
CAMPUS CLOSES  
DOORS FOREVER**

With most of the technical programs moving to the new campus,



Shelton's 15th Street Campus officially closes its doors forever. This campus first opened in 1953 as the J.P. Shelton Trade School with a total of 300 students and 16 faculty members.

J.P. Shelton came to Tuscaloosa County in 1914 and has been described as a "large man who liked to sing." His bass voice was often heard leading congregations in "Amazing Grace" at local churches. Shelton used this resounding voice during his time in the Alabama legislature. Temo Callahan, Shelton's close friend, recalls that he actually saw Shelton pass a bill one time without going to the microphone. The story has it that he actually passed the bill without ever getting out of his chair!

Shelton served in the legislature from 1945 until his death in 1954. In 1947 the Legislature passed the Regional Vocational and Trade School Act, which established the first four regional trade schools in the state. Representative Shelton was instrumental in getting one of these first trade schools located in Tuscaloosa. After Shelton's death, Callahan introduced a resolution in the legislature lamenting his death and naming the new trade school in his honor.

Harold I. James was

appointed to head the new school in 1951. Classes began in 1953 and a lot of World War II veterans attended the young school. The first program to open was the cabinet shop, and it was in this program that desks, chairs, and filing cabinets were made for the school. Many of these items are still in use today.

*When James retired in 1976, Leo Sumner, who had served as dean of instruction under James, was named president. During this time, the State Board of Education renamed the school Shelton State Technical College. In 1979 the Tuscaloosa branch of Brewer State Junior College was merged with Shelton to form Shelton State Community College.*

*Sumner was named president of this new institution. The institution grew to almost 4,000 students during the 1980s, but there remained two very distinct parts, the Technical and Junior College Divisions. These divisions were joined together only by a common president and business manager. In 1981 the Alabama State Fire College and Technical Assistance Program became part of the college.*

Tom Umphrey was named president of the college in December 1988 upon

Sumner's retirement. In 1991 the college purchased 170 acres of land in south Tuscaloosa County. Also, in 1993 Shelton State and Fredd State Technical college merged and a complete integration of programs and personnel followed.

## **COSMETOLOGY NEWS**

Electrolysis is currently the accepted standard of hair removal in the United States, and beginning this fall, Shelton State will offer a specialist course in this field. This is an advanced course for professionals who are already working in the field. The electrolysis certification process will also be held at the college, and students will be able to take the State Board License for electrolysis at Shelton State.

## **FACES and PLACES**

\*Shelton Spanish instructor Marilyn Terry has been asked by the president of Sigma Delta Mu, National Spanish Honor Society for two and four-year colleges, to present a paper at the annual meeting of the Association of American Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. The paper, "Raising Funds and Raising



Hopes," will describe how the Mabel Harries Spanish Scholarship changed the lives of the recipients. The meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida, August 7-11. According to Marilyn, this is an excellent professional development opportunity and can help publicize Shelton's dedication to providing multi-cultural experiences for its students. "We hope other colleges will be encouraged to provide similar opportunities for their students," Terry says.

This year's recipient, Linda Blewitt, will receive an additional \$617 from the garage sale and \$134 from the Spanish Club bake sale held this spring. This money will help Linda pay for additional expenses associated with her trip. The Spanish cookbook added \$1700 to the fund, which is sponsored by the Shelton State Foundation. Muchas Gracias!

**\*Shelton President Tom Umphrey** was recently presented with a recommendation from the Alabama legislature by State Representative Bryant Melton. The recommendation was given in recognition of the honor Umphrey received when he was named the Pacesetter of the Year by the National Council for Marketing and

Public Relations.

**\*Shelton instructor Carole Hill** recently served as a presenter at the first annual Rural Minority Gerontology Research Symposium which was held at Tuskegee University. The conference was sponsored by the Tuskegee Rural Multidisciplinary Program, the School of Nursing, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The subject of Hill's talk was "Grandparents United: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren," a term used to describe a local organizational support group Ms. Hill has worked with this past year. The organization is composed of grandparents who are raising their grandchildren because the parents are incarcerated, deceased or unable to raise their children. The group learns parenting skills, techniques and trends and lends support to one another while parenting the second and sometimes third generation of children.

## A MOVING EXPERIENCE

The 15th Street Campus continues its move to the new campus. As of May 10, the following programs had moved to the new facility: cosmetology; nursing (LPN); office

administration (OAD); cabinet making; administrative offices for the dean of technical services; and the counseling center. In addition, the barbering program located on the Fredd Campus has moved to the new campus, and the Green Thumb program on the 15th Street Campus has moved to the Fredd Campus.

Faculty and staff will have restricted access to the new building until a certificate of occupancy is issued. Be prepared to stop at the security gate and give your reason for admittance to the construction site. All employees must check in at the construction manager's trailer before entering the new building. Only the West entrance is open for employee use. Movement within the building should be limited to areas that have been occupied by faculty or staff. Safety is a very real concern. In some areas of the building, such as the gymnasium, overhead work is still underway. Employees should not wander into these restricted areas without coordinating with Billy Livingston and everyone must wear safety hard hats.

All employees should park on the West end of the building. Construction managers do not have keys



to areas that are now occupied by Shelton personnel. For keys to all occupied and locked areas, please see Dean Kynard. During security's off hours, (5p.m.-7a.m. and on weekends), access to the construction site is limited to employees listed on an access roster and monitored by security personnel. **Commercial art instructor Angela Laporte** is preparing a color-coded map of the new campus for students. These maps will be available for students attending Shelton Summer semester.

## **S H E L T O N C E L E B R A T E S N A T I O N A L N U R S E S W E E K**

**SHELTON STATE** recently celebrated National Nurses Week with a program held in the auditorium on the Skyland Campus. Mary Ann Pearson, former director of nursing at the college, returned as the keynote speaker. Mrs. Pearson actually served as the director for each of Shelton's nursing programs during her 30-year career at the college.

The licensed practical nursing program (LPN) began at Shelton in 1954 and was one of the original

programs offered on the 15th Street Campus. In August 1981 the Alabama Board of Nursing gave Shelton official approval for the establishment of an Associate Degree Nursing program, a career mobility program. This program allowed students who were already licensed practical nurses to enter the program, and after a rigorous two-year period of instruction, be eligible to take the registered nurse exam.

The nursing assistant program began at Shelton in 1990, and in 1991, approval was given for Shelton to add the generic option to the ADN program that allowed students to enter Shelton's associate degree nursing program without first becoming an LPN. Today, there are 147 students enrolled in the ADN program, 107 under the mobility track and 40 under the generic track.

According to Gladys Hill, director of college nursing programs, "Shelton is trying to meet the many changes in the health care arena. There is a shift from acute care in hospitals to community and intermediate facilities where people will go to recuperate after surgery and hospital stays. Our nurses will be trained in the home care setting as well as in the hospital

setting. Nurses will be working out in the community more in the future, and our responsibility will be to offer them the training they will need," Hill said.

## **A B O U T Q U A L I T Y Recognition for TEAMSpirit**

Shelton continues to gain recognition for its quality initiative. Johnny Parker will present an overview of our TEAM Spirit program at the fifth annual Alabama Quality Conference scheduled at the University of Alabama this summer. The conference is sponsored by the southeastern sections of the American Society of Quality Control.

Shelton State will be one of seven institutions featured in a new book, **RE-ENGINEERING EDUCATION WITH QUALITY** by Dr. Stanley J. Spanbauer, president of the National Quality Academy in Appleton, Wisconsin. The book, which sells for \$21, describes Shelton's TEAMSpirit program and champions the college as one of the leading colleges in the quality movement. Dr. Spanbauer is also the author of **A QUALITY SYSTEM FOR EDUCATION**.